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SUBJ: SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST PEREZ JIMENEZ PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDACY

REF: CARACAS 4003

1. SUPREME COURT AUGUST 14 UPHELD JUNE 14 DECISION OF SUPREME
ELECTORAL COUNCIL REJECTING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDACY OF EX-DICTATOR
MARCOS PEREZ JIMENEZ (PJ), ON BASIS HE IS INELIGIBLE TO RUN UNDER
TERMS OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO VENEZUELAN CONSTITUTION. SUPREME COURT
DECISION PUTS A DEFINITIVE END TO PEREZ JIMENEZ CANDIDACY, WHICH
FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES WAS DOOMED WHEN ACCION DEMOCRATICA (AD)
AND COPEI PARTIES AGREED LAST YEAR ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

2. REJECTION OF PEREZ JIMENEZ CANDIDACY LEAVES RECORD 14 PRESI-
DENTIAL CANDIDATES STILL IN RUNNING. PEREZ JIMENEZ SEEMS TO HAVE
GIVEN PRIVATE CONSENT TO LAUNCHING OF FOUR CANDIDATES RUNNING IN HIS
NAME, AND IF HE DECIDES TO SUPPORT ONE OF THEM, MANY OBSERVERS
HERE SPECULATE THE CHOICE WILL BE PEDRO TINOCO. OTHER PRO-PH
GROUPS ARE NOT AT ALL ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THAT POSSIBILITY. ON
OTHER HAND, PEREZ JIMENEZ MAY DECIDE TO BACK NO CANDIDATE.

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3. REGARDLESS OF HOW PEREZ JIMENISTA VOTE GOES, ONLY THE TWO
FRONT-RUNNING CANDIDATES (LORENZO FERNANDEZ AND CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ)
APPEAR TO HAVE A REALISTIC CHANCE OF WINNING.
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